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TITLE: Novel Dicarboxylic Acid Derivatives having Pharmaceutical Properties

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned application. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 21-26, as shown in the attached sheets. A marked version of the claim set showing the changes made is also attached.

Please add new claims 27 and 28, as shown in the attached sheet.

Remarks

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 1, 2, and 21-26 have been amended. New claims 27 and 28 have been added. These claim amendments and additions are being made solely for purposes of placing the claims in a format appropriate for U.S. prosecution. More specifically, claims 1, 2, and 22-26 are being amended to convert the Swiss-type use claim to the U.S. method of treatment format. Claims